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U.S. LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCT EXPORTS TOPPED IMPORTS BY $33 MILLION IN MARCH

U.S. exports of livestock, meat, and meat products rose in March, topping similar exports for the previous March. March 1977 exports also moved ahead of the month's imports, which dropped somewhat.

Exports

U.S. exports of livestock, meat, and meat products in March rose to $207.5 million, 6 percent above the year-earlier level. Hide and skin exports rebounded to first place with a 32 percent jump in value, followed by tallow and greases, and furskins.

Exports of tallow and greases were valued at $39.6 million, up 33 percent from March 1976 levels. Shipments to the European Community doubled those of 1976 and accounted for 41 percent of total U.S. sales. Reduced coconut oil supplies, lower-than-expected palm oil availabilities, and a strong world demand for fats and oils have caused vegetable oil prices to rise sharply in relation to tallow prices. As a result, tallow, which is cheaper, is probably being substituted when possible, causing U.S. exports to rise markedly.

Imports

U.S. livestock, meat, and meat product imports in March fell to $174.9 million, 4 percent below the same month in 1976.

The quantity of beef and veal imports in March dropped 22 percent below year-earlier totals. Of this total, imports of fresh, chilled and frozen beef and veal subject to the Meat Import Law slumped 22 percent to 44,454 tons, as the sluggish U.S. market continued to hold imports below 1976 levels.

Imports of canned corned beef, mostly from Argentina and Brazil, were down by 48 percent. This was caused partly by the reinstitution on March 1 of the 7.5-percent ad valorem duty on such imports from these countries. The duty was reinstituted because the value of canned corned beef imports from each of these countries in 1976 exceeded the levels allowed under the Generalized System of Preferences.

While March pork imports dropped slightly in value, the quantity rose by 6 percent because of higher shipments from several East European countries.

MEAT AND SELECTED LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS: QUANTITY OF U.S. EXPORTS, 1/
MARCH AND JANUARY-MARCH 1977, WITH COMPARISONS

COMMODITY	MARCH 1976	MARCH 1977	JANUARY-MARCH 1976	JANUARY-MARCH 1977	% CHANGE FROM 1976 MAR	% CHANGE FROM 1976 JAN-MAR
	(IN METRIC TONS)				PERCENT	
ANIMAL FATS:						
LARD	4,683	9,482	16,375	22,454	+102	+37
TALLOW AND GREASES:						
INEDIBLE	78,297	98,140	233,803	301,708	+25	+29
EDIBLE	1,127	30	1,574	1,939	-97	+23
MEATS:						
BEEF AND VEAL	3,281	3,470	9,190	9,090	+6	-1
PORK	16,907	12,201	35,845	29,608	-28	-17
GOAT, LAMB, AND MUTTON	134	290	281	534	+116	+90
SAUSAGES	247	261	598	759	+6	+27
MEAT SPECIALTIES	297	147	575	466	-51	-19
OTHER CANNED	282	365	1,101	832	+29	-24
TOTAL RED MEATS 2/	21,148	16,733	47,591	41,288	-21	-13
MEAT AND ED. OFFAL, NEC	4,884	4,684	12,674	12,040	-4	-5
VARIETY MEAT	13,041	13,945	37,779	42,938	+7	+14
SAUSAGE CASINGS (ANIMAL)	562	563	1,599	1,961	---	+23
ANIMAL HAIR, INCLUDING MOHAIR	568	290	913	556	-49	-39
HIDES AND SKINS:						
CATTLE PARTS	549	696	2,287	1,981	+27	-13
	THOUSAND PIECES					
CATTLE	2,407	2,289	6,237	6,563	-5	+5
CALF	153	118	424	441	-23	+4
KIP	94	27	169	80	-72	-53
SHEEP AND LAMB	236	337	903	1,038	+43	+15
HORSE	19	25	54	56	+31	+4
GOAT AND KID	5	19	73	19	+291	-74
	HEAD					
LIVESTOCK:						
CATTLE AND CALVES	33,859	5,951	59,478	16,860	-82	-72
SHEEP, LAMBS, AND GOATS	19,409	20,894	39,560	43,573	+8	+10
HOGS	1,477	1,004	2,300	2,197	-32	-4
HORSE, ASS, MULE, AND HINNES	3,631	1,807	10,299	46,480	-50	+351

1/ PRELIMINARY.
2/ MAY NOT ADD DUE TO ROUNDING.

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NOTE: A METRIC TON IS EQUAL TO 2204.6 POUNDS.

MEAT AND SELECTED LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS: QUANTITY OF U.S. EXPORTS, 1/
MARCH AND JANUARY-MARCH 1977, WITH COMPARISONS

COMMODITY AND COUNTRY	MARCH 1976	MARCH 1977	JANUARY-MARCH 1976	JANUARY-MARCH 1977	% CHANGE FROM 1976 MAR	% CHANGE FROM 1976 JAN-MAR
	(IN METRIC TONS)				PERCENT	
BEEF AND VEAL						
CANADA	1,029	498	2,388	1,246	-52	-48
CARIBBEAN AREA	547	643	1,411	1,520	+18	+8
EC-9	282	171	614	641	-39	+4
HONG KONG	44	64	192	180	+43	-6
JAPAN	1,077	1,437	3,600	4,186	+33	+16
MEXICO	50	71	133	141	+40	+6
OTHER COUNTRIES	251	586	853	1,176	+134	+38
TOTAL	3,281	3,470	9,190	9,090	+6	-1
PORK:						
CANADA	5,858	7,256	13,745	19,835	+24	+44
HONG KONG	1	49	68	149	***	+118
JAPAN	10,109	3,932	19,274	7,232	-61	-62
MEXICO	251	40	794	112	-84	-86
VENEZUELA	27	57	137	188	+111	+37
CARIBBEAN AREA	451	619	1,174	1,376	+37	+17
OTHER COUNTRIES	210	247	654	716	+18	+9
TOTAL	16,907	12,201	35,845	29,608	-28	-17
OTHER MEAT (INCLUDING PREPARED AND PROCESSED	960	1,062	2,555	2,591	+11	+1
TOTAL RED MEAT	21,148	16,733	47,591	41,288	-21	-13
VARIETY MEAT:						
EC-9	7,760	8,776	25,329	29,883	+13	+18
GERMANY, EAST	372	---	716	223	-100	-69
ISRAEL	224	284	886	772	+27	-13
JAPAN	2,282	1,469	3,572	3,359	-36	-6
MEXICO	1,417	1,535	4,678	4,236	+8	-9
OTHER COUNTRIES	986	1,881	2,597	4,465	+91	+72
TOTAL	13,041	13,945	37,779	42,938	+7	+14
	HEAD					
LIVESTOCK:						
TOTAL CATTLE	33,859	5,951	59,478	16,860	-82	-72
CATTLE (EX BREEDING ANIMALS):						
CANADA	20,301	479	27,898	3,759	-98	-87
MEXICO	6,794	---	16,098	219	-100	-99
OTHER COUNTRIES	172	1,108	519	2,767	+544	+433
TOTAL	27,267	1,587	44,515	6,745	-94	-85
SWINE (INC BREEDING ANIMALS):						
CANADA	170	48	428	152	-72	-64
MEXICO	523	141	863	256	-73	-70
CHINA, TAIWAN	581	563	594	563	-3	-5
VENEZUELA	100	82	199	515	-18	+159
OTHER COUNTRIES	103	170	216	711	+65	+229
TOTAL	1,477	1,004	2,300	2,197	-32	-4

NOTE: TOTALS MAY NOT ADD DUE TO ROUNDING.

1/ PRELIMINARY.

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LIVESTOCK, MEAT, MEAT PRODUCTS: VALUE OF U.S. EXPORTS, 1/
MARCH AND JANUARY-MARCH 1977, WITH COMPARISONS

COMMODITY	MARCH 1976	MARCH 1977	JANUARY-MARCH 1976	JANUARY-MARCH 1977	% CHANGE FROM 1976 MAR	% CHANGE FROM 1976 JAN-MAR
	THOUSAND DOLLARS				PERCENT	
BEEF AND VEAL	10,385	10,438	29,333	26,534	+1	-10
PORK	34,851	22,721	73,259	54,526	-35	-26
GOAT, LAMB, AND MUTTON (EXCEPT CANNED)	339	721	699	1,307	+113	+87
SAUSAGE, BOLOGNA, AND FRANKFURTERS	562	635	1,374	1,770	+13	+29
OTHER MEAT PRODUCTS:						
CANNED 2/	530	670	1,600	1,537	+27	-4
SPECIALTIES 3/	577	289	955	803	-50	-16
VARIETY MEATS	11,687	12,005	34,047	37,374	+3	+10
HOGS & OTHR NATURAL CASINGS	1,512	1,784	5,350	6,611	+18	+24
LARD	2,067	4,960	7,303	10,804	+140	+48
TALLOW AND GREASES 4/	29,814	39,575	90,970	118,126	+33	+30
FINE ANIMAL HAIR	2,919	1,274	4,182	2,556	-56	-39
OTHER ANIMAL HAIR	205	207	457	462	+1	+1
HIDES AND SKINS	41,924	55,267	104,405	152,377	+32	+46
FURSKINS	31,001	38,791	98,849	128,781	+25	+30
MISC. ANIMAL BYPRODUCTS	10,212	11,750	27,269	30,365	+15	+11
LIVESTOCK:						
CATTLE AND CALVES	13,989	4,208	27,533	11,439	-70	-58
SHEEP AND LAMBS	245	281	741	734	+15	-1
HOGS	408	294	616	734	-28	+19
HORSES, ASSES, MULES, AND BURROS	3,429	1,621	7,272	6,930	-53	-5
TOTAL 5/	196,658	207,492	516,214	593,768	+6	+15

1/ PRELIMINARY.
2/ INCLUDES CANNED MEATS AND CANNED BABY FOOD.
3/ FROZEN DINNERS, CASSEROLES, AND OTHER MEAT PRODUCTS.
4/ INCLUDES EDIBLE AND INEDIBLE TALLOW AND GREASES.
5/ MAY NOT ADD DUE TO ROUNDING.

LIVESTOCK, MEAT, MEAT PRODUCTS: VALUE OF U.S. IMPORTS, 1/
MARCH AND JANUARY-MARCH 1977, WITH COMPARISONS

COMMODITY	MARCH 1976	MARCH 1977	JANUARY-MARCH 1976	JANUARY-MARCH 1977	% CHANGE FROM 1976 MAR	% CHANGE FROM 1976 JAN-MAR
	THOUSAND DOLLARS				PERCENT	
BEEF AND VEAL	81,625	69,036	211,616	208,471	-15	-1
PORK	41,918	41,441	132,668	108,818	-1	-18
LAMB, MUTTON AND GOAT	1,482	1,803	3,962	3,740	+22	-6
OTHER MEATS 2/	915	718	2,863	2,543	-22	-11
MIXED SAUSAGE	337	357	866	844	+6	---
VARIETY MEATS	144	169	339	440	+17	+30
MEAT EXTRACT	517	175	1,038	649	-66	-37
CASINGS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN	3,757	4,422	7,835	10,147	+18	+30
MISC. ANIMAL BYPRODUCTS	6,671	7,145	18,796	19,584	+7	+24
LARD	13	---	13	---	-100	-100
TALLOW AND GREASES 3/	50	153	275	344	+204	+25
WOOL (CLEAN BASIS):						
APPAREL	4,546	5,080	16,417	14,925	+12	-9
CARPET	2,231	2,058	4,564	7,016	-8	+54
ANIMAL HAIR	662	680	2,850	1,970	+3	-31
HIDES AND SKINS	11,608	9,312	23,515	20,568	-20	-13
FURSKINS	12,392	17,631	35,550	43,968	+42	+24
LIVESTOCK:						
CATTLE	10,067	11,382	35,941	39,322	+13	+9
SHEEP AND GOATS	15	12	63	16	-22	-75
HOGS	580	674	1,208	1,337	+16	+11
HORSES, ASSES, MULES, BURROS	3,339	2,699	10,245	11,798	-19	+15
TOTAL 4/	182,869	174,949	507,625	496,522	-4	-2

1/ PRELIMINARY.
2/ MOSTLY MIXED LUNCHEON MEATS.
3/ INCLUDES EDIBLE AND INEDIBLE TALLOW AND GREASES.
4/ MAY NOT ADD DUE TO ROUNDING.

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MARCH AND JANUARY-MARCH 1977, WITH COMPARISONS

COMMODITY	MARCH		JANUARY-MARCH		% CHANGE FROM 1976	
	1976	1977	1976	1977	MAR	JAN-MAR
	(IN METRIC TONS)				PERCENT	
RED MEATS:						
BEEF AND VEAL:						
FRESH CHILLED, OR FROZEN:						
BEEF,W/BONE,FR,CHILL	792	1,532	1,610	3,574	+93	+122
BEEF,FROZEN,W/BONE	227	---	442	75	-100	-83
BONE-IN BEEF	1,019	1,532	2,051	3,649	+50	+78
BONELESS BEEF	54,626	42,214	139,374	125,894	-23	-10
PREPARED ITEMS	501	364	677	1,531	-27	+126
VEAL	1,095	708	3,661	2,335	-35	-36
PREPARED OR PRESERVED:						
CANNED:						
CORNED	3,916	2,028	10,988	10,772	-48	-2
OTHER	828	870	2,790	1,988	+5	-29
OTHER	1,093	1,476	4,865	5,292	+35	+9
SAUSAGE	198	76	460	258	-62	-44
TOTAL BEEF & VEAL	63,276	49,268	164,867	151,718	-22	-8
PORK:						
FRESH,CHILLED, OR FROZEN	1,004	1,130	2,632	2,556	+13	-3
CANNED:						
HAMS & SHOULDERS	10,927	11,641	33,925	30,226	+7	-11
OTHER	508	470	2,148	2,015	-7	-6
CURED	69	42	182	133	-39	-27
SAUSAGE	198	179	593	529	-9	-11
TOTAL PORK	12,706	13,464	39,480	35,460	+6	-10
MUTTON & GOAT	49	9	56	9	-81	-84
LAMB	1,044	1,167	3,140	2,390	+12	-24
SAUSAGE-MIXED	142	142	361	343	---	-5
OTHER MEATS	432	272	1,321	986	-37	-25
TOTAL RED MEATS	77,649	64,321	209,225	190,906	-17	-9
VARIETY MEATS	261	235	529	654	-10	+24
ED. & INED. TALLOW GREASE	189	460	948	1,061	+143	+12
MEAT EXTRACT	54	24	114	94	-55	-18
WOOL (CLEAN BASIS):						
DUTIABLE	1,592	1,493	5,523	4,522	-6	-18
DUTY-FREE	966	638	2,069	2,257	-34	+9
TOTAL WOOL	2,558	2,131	7,592	6,780	-17	-11
ANIMAL HAIR (CLEAN BASIS)	119	87	541	306	-27	-43
HIDES AND SKINS:						
CATTLE PARTS	10	59	10	108	+491	+978
SHEEP, PICKLED & SPLIT	48	12	76	54	-75	-29
	PIECES					
CATTLE	75,480	97,938	261,355	231,767	+30	-11
CALF & KIP	14,858	6,078	17,406	14,034	-59	-19
BUFFALO	5,444	23,525	8,118	42,559	+332	+424
SHEEP & LAMB	2,792,906	1,941,724	4,680,802	3,923,106	-30	-16
GOAT & KID	200,572	117,880	454,167	369,851	-41	-19
HORSE	4,167	1,572	13,074	11,203	-62	-14
PIG	272,274	93,320	535,365	168,960	-66	-68
	HEAD					
LIVESTOCK:						
CATTLE	69,417	77,295	212,059	247,506	+11	+17
SHEEP	91	118	1,176	118	+30	-90
HOGS	3,776	5,043	7,908	10,549	+34	+33
HORSES, ASSES, & MULES	644	626	1,763	1,724	-3	-2

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1/ PRELIMINARY.

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MARCH AND JANUARY-MARCH 1977, WITH COMPARISONS

COMMODITY AND COUNTRY	MARCH 1976	MARCH 1977	JANUARY-MARCH 1976	JANUARY-MARCH 1977	% CHANGE FROM 1976 MAR	% CHANGE FROM 1976 JAN-MAR
	(IN METRIC TONS)				PERCENT	
BEEF AND VEAL: 2/						
ARGENTINA	3,465	2,552	10,739	10,431	-26	-3
AUSTRALIA	28,008	18,946	78,009	55,553	-32	-29
BRAZIL	2,148	1,472	6,857	6,396	-31	-7
CANADA	4,242	4,735	9,077	12,354	+12	+36
COSTA RICA	3,585	3,829	8,347	13,982	+7	+67
DENMARK	189	75	448	258	-60	-43
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	608	308	1,772	719	-49	-59
EL SALVADOR	620	237	1,051	492	-62	-53
GUATEMALA	1,051	1,502	2,686	4,042	+43	+50
HONDURAS	1,479	2,406	3,979	7,215	+63	+81
IRELAND	847	---	1,964	---	-100	-100
MEXICO	1,960	3,083	5,501	6,840	+57	+24
NEW ZEALAND	12,885	7,570	28,066	23,847	-41	-15
NICARAGUA	1,531	1,933	4,468	8,067	+26	+81
PANAMA	450	400	874	855	-11	-2
PARAGUAY	164	154	821	450	-6	-45
OTHER COUNTRIES	42	64	207	217	+53	+5
TOTAL BEEF AND VEAL	63,276	49,268	164,867	151,718	-22	-8
PORK 3/						
CANADA	1,181	1,281	3,145	2,986	+9	-5
DENMARK	4,240	3,825	12,144	10,615	-10	-13
HUNGARY	484	810	1,882	1,751	+68	-7
NETHERLANDS	2,566	1,733	7,776	5,175	-32	-33
POLAND	2,411	3,798	8,970	9,073	+58	+1
ROMANIA	256	176	1,272	1,703	-31	+34
YUGOSLAVIA	1,395	1,642	3,775	3,549	+18	-6
OTHER COUNTRIES	174	197	517	607	+13	+17
TOTAL PORK	12,706	13,464	39,480	35,460	+6	-10
LAMB						
AUSTRALIA	331	357	1,210	811	+8	-33
NEW ZEALAND	712	706	1,922	1,476	-1	-23
OTHER COUNTRIES	---	104	8	104	***	***
TOTAL LAMB	1,044	1,167	3,140	2,390	+12	-24
MUTTON AND GOAT						
AUSTRALIA	39	---	39	---	-100	-100
OTHER COUNTIES	16	9	16	9	-44	-44
TOTAL MUTTON AND GOAT	49	9	56	9	-81	-84
OTHER SAUSAGES, N.S.P.F.	142	142	361	343	---	-5
OTHER MEATS, N.S.P.F.	432	272	1,321	986	-37	-25
TOTAL RED MEAT	77,649	64,321	209,225	190,906	-17	-9
	HEAD					
CATTLE(INC BREEDING ANIMAL)						
CANADA	42,741	32,597	112,792	87,301	-24	-23
MEXICO	26,546	44,629	98,913	159,927	+68	+62
OTHER COUNTRIES	130	69	354	278	-47	-21
TOTAL CATTLE	69,417	77,295	212,059	247,506	+11	+17
SHEEP AND LAMB						
CANADA	91	118	1,174	118	+30	-90
OTHER COUNTRIES	---	---	2	---	---	-100
TOTAL SHEEP AND LAMB	91	118	1,176	118	+30	-90
HOGS						
CANADA	3,776	5,043	7,908	10,549	+34	+33
OTHER COUNTRIES	---	---	---	---	---	---
TOTAL HOGS	3,776	5,043	7,908	10,549	+34	+33

NOTE: TOTALS MAY NOT ADD DUE TO ROUNDING.

1/ PRELIMINARY.
2/ FRESH, FROZEN, PICKLED, CURED, PREPARED OR PRESERVED AND BEEF SAUSAGE.
3/ FRESH, FROZEN, CANNED, PREPARED OR PRESERVED AND PORK SAUSAGE.

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